GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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COTTON PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand and supply of cotton in the country during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of cotton in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): Total demand and supply of cotton in the country during each of the last three years and current year is as under:-

(In lakh bales of 170 kg each)

Item	Cotton Year 2004-05	Cotton Year 2005-06	Cotton Year 2006-07
SUPPLY			
Opening Stock	21.00	72.00	56.00
Production	243.00	244.00	270.00
Imports	12.17	4.00	6.00
Total availability	276.17	320.00	332.00
DEMAND			
Domestic Consumption	195.03	217.00	240.00
Exports	9.14	47.00	48.00
Total	204.17	264.00	288.00
Closing Stock	72.00	56.00	44.00

Source: Cotton Advisory Board (CAB)

No data is available state-wise for consumption. However, the State-wise cultivated area, production and yield with regard to cotton is annexed.

(b): The Government of India launched the Technology Mission on Cotton in February 2000 with the objectives of improving the production, productivity and quality of indigenous cotton, and reducing the cost of cultivation.